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LOK SABHA

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REDEFINING URBAN AREAS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any schemes to redefine urban areas by including large areas in periphery of towns and cities and extending their municipal limits; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The extension of municipal boundaries/city limits including periphery areas is within the purview of the State Government. However, urban area as defined by Census of India, 2001 is taken as follows:

(1) All statutory places with a municipality, corporation, cantonment board or notified town area committee, etc.

(2) A place satisfying the following three criteria simultaneously:

(i) a minimum population of 5000;

(ii) at least 75 per cent of male working population engaged in non-agricultural pursuits; and

(iii) a density of population of at least 400 per sq.km. (1000 per sq.mile).

Under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), the projects are taken up within the cities/urban agglomerations which include peri-urban areas and outgrowths also.